

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office action dated October 2, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 8-10 on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of U. S. Patent No. 6,631,410 B1, the parent of the instant Application. Claims 5-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2d paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 5 has been amended to resolve this issue.

In the Specification, no changes

In the Claims, claim 5 is amended.

The Examiner correctly pointed out that the term T_D was used inconsistently between claims 4 and 5. The use in claim 4 is correct, and the term has been removed from claim 5 to resolve the inconsistency. Support for the correct language of claim 5 may be found in the Specification, page 11, line 2 through page 12, line 18.

A terminal disclaimer, and the requisite fee, accompanies this Response.

In light of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections and objections stated in the Office action, and pass the application to allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the amendment or remarks, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Provisional Request for Extension of time in Which to Respond

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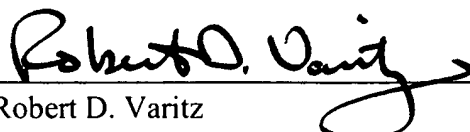
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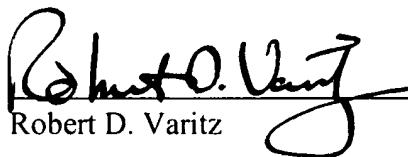
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